



Rocky Mountain Rambler

Rocky Mountain Region
Newsletter

GREETINGS FROM YOUR DIRECTOR February 2024



Today, our snow is melting, and we are having a heat wave of 45 degrees. The last two weeks, we have been around -9 Fahrenheit. One great thing about this time of year is all of the seed catalogs I receive in the mail to look at, dream about, and plan my seed planting.

I will start seeds soon for my garden and my local club's plant sale as we raise funds for our local scholarship. It has become an event for our community, and we have raised over \$2000 for our scholarships.



I want to speak to you all about fundraising for RMR. As of 2025, our director will not get any help from NGC to travel to the State Convention. I appointed a committee to gather information about fundraising for RMR. They have devised an idea about presenting T-shirts to sell online, and I await more information. I recently attended a Care to Share meeting where many states had good ideas for fundraising. One of the ideas was Flower Power Fundraising. I think this might be a good fundraiser for RMR.

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Date change:
August 30-31, 2024**



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Rocky Mountain Rambler**February 2024****Director's Message cont.**

I want to make everyone aware of the problem with my email. An email was sent with my name on it, but the email address was not mine. It was sent from this email address:

From: Robbie Kupper <Owners@goamesmonvews.org>

Subject: Utah AGC , Rocky Mountain Region .

are you available to assist? I'm unavailable for now but I've got credence in you taking care of this. "Rocky Mountain Region" some gift donation to the Veterans at Hospice care. Thank you and Happy New Year!

Robbie Kupper
Rocky Mountain Region Director

This is not my email address. Please check the email address where the email was sent. Also, I will never ask you for money. This is a Phishing email. If you receive something like this, you need to mark it as spam and then delete it.

I hope you are all enjoying these quiet months before we all start back with meeting, gardening, and just enjoying the wonderful weather of Spring.

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August 30-31, 2024

Dates to Remember:

June 2-5, 2024	NGC National Convention	Denver, CO
	May 24, 2024 Registration Deadline!! See NGC website: gardenclub.org	
August 30-31,2024	RMR Annual Meeting	Sioux Falls, SD
May 17-25, 2025	NGC National Convention	Omaha, NE

South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs

**RMR 2024 CONVENTION DATE CHANGE
TO AUGUST 30 AND 31, Friday and Saturday
IN SIOUX FALLS, SD**

Sorry for the confusion but due to a NGC Board meeting being at the same time and not Zoom, we had to change our date for the RMR Convention. A program with speakers and events will be coming shortly!

Plan to come and see our newest state park that honors our native people, the beautiful falls (yes, our city is named after a real falls), arboretum, Japanese Gardens, Art Walk, etc. Although we will be in eastern South Dakota, plan to stay to visit the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore, etc. in western South Dakota as well. Both ends of the state have a lot to offer! See you in August!!!

Mary Lerssen, SDFGC President



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Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Hello fellow gardeners!

This is a big year for our members as we are preparing not only our annual CFGC convention but also to host the **2024 NGC Convention in Westminster, CO the first week of June**. I am so excited that we also have members from Nebraska offering to help! And that help is greatly appreciated. It really shows how great it is to be part of the Rocky Mountain Region and all of its wonderful members! And Colorado will gladly help Nebraska when it's their time to host the national conference the following year. If you would like to help at the National Conference in 2024, please reach out to me or Nancy Griffin, our Conference Chair. And don't forget to register soon. It'll be here before you know it!



CFGC garden clubs are also participating in the 2024 Colorado Garden and Home Show in late Feb. and early March. We have been given a large section (the size of several typical booths) for free where we will have speakers on the weekends, display floral arrangements, have three classes of table designs, NGC School displays as well as lots of information about NGC and CFGC and how to join one of our garden clubs. We have also partnered with the Rose Society and the Iris Society in Colorado, and they will also provide information, speakers, and help us to man/host our area to provide information and answer questions visitors may have. This collaboration is very exciting to us and is a way for all of us to expand our reach while working with other groups that have similar interests.

The Colorado Garden and Home Show is a bit unique in that it is run by a non-profit foundation that provides a LOT of money each year in grants to organizations and communities such as food banks, schools, shelters, etc. to build gardens, greenhouses, and other related things throughout all of Colorado. They also provide a \$5,000 grant to CFGC each year to help us provide educational speakers at our state, district, club, and public meetings and events throughout the state. So, of course we love supporting them at the show and if you're in the Denver area during the last week of Feb. or first week of March be sure to stop in to check it out!

I hope that we see you at the 2024 National Garden Club Conference in Colorado!

Sincerely,

Victoria

Victoria Schmidt, President

Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

“Growing our knowledge through education, experience, experimentation, and sharing.”

Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

DIANE WARD, President

2023 has gone and we're into a new year, 2024! Our winter weather has been warm but that is changing rapidly with temperatures below freezing in the daytime and in the negative numbers at night! With snow in the near future, our members are staying warm inside and reading through all the 2024 seed catalogs and making plans for their gardens when the weather gets warmer. In addition to reading about all the new plants coming out, they are planning their club programs for the next year. Lining up speakers, electing new officers and organizing garden tours are just a few of the activities each club is working on.

Communication is my theme and we will be launching a wonderful project using the media (radio) to get information out to the local communities about their clubs, their activities and special events coming in 2024. Each club will be given samples of radio spots that they can revise for their specific needs to take to their local radio station. The radio stations air public announcements for their listeners – what better way to give awareness to the public about our organization and individual clubs!

This year, MFGC will be holding their “Fall Board” meeting February 21, 2024, via ZOOM. It will be referred to as the MFGC BOARD MEETING. News from NGC, RMR, MFGC announcements and dates to remember will be provided.

Our State Annual Convention will be in Malta, MT from June 27-29, 2024. Committee members have been working on the details to make this event a good time for everyone. This is always a great way for club members to gather, socialize and find out what has been happening across the state. Educational programs and various tours are highlights during the Convention.

Winter is just getting started but dreams of spring are dancing in our heads. Sending warmer thoughts to all for a colorful and bountiful gardening season.

Fondly,
Diane Ward
MFGC President

Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska, Inc.



Hello from Nebraska,

As I looked out my window and saw snow on the ground, I thought the Groundhog had forgotten that he saw his shadow, and we were back to winter. We need moisture, but I would have preferred rain and warmer temperatures. I am grateful for it being light snow and that I don't have drifts taller than I am in my yard like in January.

Most of our clubs slow down during the winter. Many clubs are planning their district meetings, and we are also working on our annual state meeting, which will be held in June. One committee that hasn't slowed down is the BlueStar/Gold Star committee, spearheaded by Mary Carlson (retired Lt. Colonel) from the Sunset Hills Garden Club. They have continued to make progress with the memorials beginning August 2023. In August 2023, the seven blue star memorials across Nebraska were restored. On the way to the RMR Garden Clubs meeting, the Carlson's delivered Nebraska's very first Blue Star Memorial to the Military Vehicle Museum in Lexington Nebraska. Interestingly, this first memorial was placed in Plattsmouth, NE., and was replaced in 2016 due to windstorm damage from a falling tree limb. The first memorial was placed about 1950 and recognized the soldiers of World War II.

The next fundraiser was started to place a Gold Star Memorial in Fort McPherson National Cemetery. An application has been made to the head of National Cemeteries for Nebraska and approved at the state level. The application is awaiting approval at the VA District Office and must go to the National VA office for final approval. Money is available to order the memorial. The Veterans of Foreign Wars at North Platte are doing the final fundraising for installation.

In January 2024, fundraising started for a Blue Star By-Pass Memorial in Omaha's Memorial Park. Two Hundred letters were sent to neighbors of the Memorial Park, and donations continue to come in. The Omaha Parks Landscape Architect has invited us for a walk with him along the Military Memorial Walk to select the perfect place for placement of the boulder with the plaque. We are ready to order the plaque, and a search is on for the boulder. In the next newsletter, we hope to have a picture of the By-Pass Memorial attached to the boulder - wish us some "Rock Luck."

We are very proud and appreciate Mary and her committee for their commitment to ensuring that our blue and gold star memorials continue to honor both our service men and women who are living and those who have died.

Chris Martin

FGCN President

Plant Nebraska Native Plants: Preserve our Wildlife's Habitats

North Dakota State Garden Clubs



North Dakota the Peace Garden State

The Fargo Garden Society was happy to install new officers at its October Social event at the Fine Arts Center.

We were delighted to approach the end of our 100th anniversary year. It has been a wonderful journey to study our history and celebrate our dedicated members service to the community. The Fargo Garden Society has been meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month January through October since 1923.

One of our local garden club members, Beth Rogness, was recently highlighted in a garden article in the local newspaper the Fargo Forum by Don Kinzler.



Left President Marilyn Isaacson, middle Vice President April Johnson, and right Secretary Becky Goetz



Contributed / Beth Rogness
Reader Beth Rogness recently cut redtwig dogwood to be used to support her amaryllis. She was surprised to see it produce flower buds.

From the Fargo Forum

North Dakota State Garden Clubs, cont.

Don Kinzler writes a weekly garden series plus an article on fielding garden questions. Both Beth and Don are members of our local garden club. Don works for the North Dakota State University Extension Cass County and has given educational talks to our club over the years.

As I am writing this article in January I am thinking back about the last month of weather. We received over two inches of rain Christmas eve before it turned to ice on Christmas day. It is the first time on record that we have had a flood warning in December in Fargo, North Dakota. The Red River rose quickly and went down quickly, and it is still not freezing here. We have no snow on the ground currently, with temperatures in the 40s, 50s, and one time 60 degrees in December. Some snow is coming the second week in January according to forecasts. It seems that El Nina and climate change will make a change in the way we garden.

“Conserve Nature and Grow Friendships in North Dakota”

Linda Anderson
President
North Dakota State Garden Clubs



The Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.



I sit and watch the birds empty my feeders daily. At Park City's elevation we see mostly finch, chickadees and grosbeaks at the black oiled sunflower feeder. Downy woodpeckers and an occasional flicker on the suet. The most common and gregarious Magpie are the most prevalent, trying to eat it all. Most of our clubs are dormant till later in the spring. Most meetings begin in April.

March 5th, we will be judging the Smokey Bear Posters. There are 4 states in the judging this year. Thank you for submitting your states posters. Thank You Connie MacKay.

The Rose Society is off and running but on zoom because of an uptick in the cases of COVID. Their first meeting was new Roses for 2024 with Heidi Mortensen, manager for Star Roses. They put out a beautiful newsletter "Petals and Thorns" view it on our website. utahagc.org. The club will soon be doing rose pruning with hands on instruction at a local park. Their rose show is June 8th at the Sugar House Garden Center.

The Neighborhood Garden Club is active with meetings on micro greens and container grown lily pads. They have also gone gangbusters on Penny Pines, funding 3 in the month of January!

The orchid Society is also meeting at the Garden Center with orchid show and tells, trends in hybridizing and culture, and the photography of orchids. Their show is at Red Butte Gardens April 6-7.

The Iris show is at the Garden Center on May 4th and 11th.

The Dahlia Society is having a tuber sale on April 27th at the Garden Center.

Following the sale on April 27th is the Utah Associated Garden Clubs Spring convention at 5:30. Our speaker is Ramona Borkman the Editor of Bloom Garden Magazine. Bloom Garden offers a free subscription. Contact them at www.bloomgardens.org or info@bloomgardens.org. Bloom Gardens is a magazine about sustainable gardening in the mountain west. I think that would apply to our whole Rocky Mountain Region. Check out this well-done production.

The Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc., cont.

Our Convention will have a “Soup Kitchen Theme” with each club bringing a soup to share. There will be a raffle. We have a scholarship winner for Utah we will announce. The new President and Vice President will be inducted. Sue McJames and Leslie Moss. They will do an amazing job for the Utah clubs and the Rocky Mountain Region.

Everyone is welcome to attend but we ask for a RSVP.

Let me share with you my easy hyacinth bulb forcing this year.... I bought the bulbs in the fall when available and put them in my fridge with a sticky note that said January 20. Took them out and planted them...this picture was taken February 15th. Pretty easy. Next year I will leave in mesh bag or paper (some got moldy) and I will put them in water with rocks. Looking forward to spring, but will enjoy the skiing till then.

Mary Holley

Utah State President



Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Our Garden Clubs in the state are for the most part quiet during the winter season. Our winter meetings center around planning for the spring. As our entire country experiences extremely cold temperatures, I know that all of us are looking forward to spring.

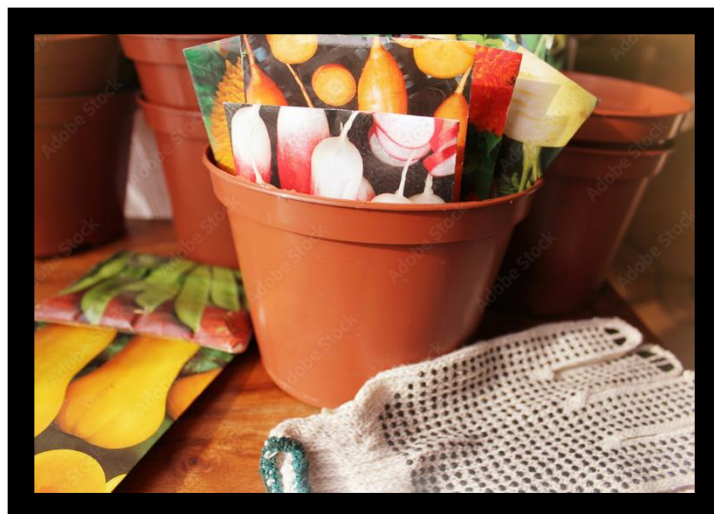
Linda English and I, as Co-Presidents, look forward to visiting our state clubs this year. Our state clubs include the Cottonwood Garden Club in Douglas, Dirt Diggers Garden Club in Encampment, Prairie Garden Club in Cheyenne, Chug Creek Cultivators Garden Club in Chugwater, and the Riverton Garden Club in Riverton.

Stay warm everyone!

“Garden for Hope”

Connie Wallace

WFGC, Co-President



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RMR Awards Chairman Report

Hello All,

The RMR awards handbook and information on the photo contest will be sent to all on or around March 15. Please save the date: All entries will be due on or before July 15.

Specific details will be given at that time.

Please tell your club's story by submitting awards.

Chris Martin

RMR Awards Chair

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RMR Bird Chairman Report Winter 2024

Birds add beauty and wonder to our lives. Birds dazzle us with their colors, capture our imaginations with their journeys and delight us with their songs. We depend on birds to keep ecosystems in balance. They pollinate plants, disperse seeds, scavenge carcasses and recycle nutrients back into the earth. Thriving birds equal thriving ecosystems and thriving ecosystems are not only good for wildlife and birds-but for people, too. Anyone can create a welcoming haven for local wildlife, especially during this cold, cold winter! Turning your yard, balcony, container garden, schoolyard, work landscape or roadside green space into a Certified Wildlife Habitat is fun, easy and makes a big difference for neighborhood wildlife. Go to (<http://www.nwf.org/CertifiedWildlifeHabitat>) and register your Wildlife Habitat!

Don't forget to apply for the Award #6, South Dakota Award—Birds

Audrey Coyle, RMR Bird Chairman

RMR Environmental Concerns Chairman Report

Just last week, the park called my name on an unusually warm February morning. So the hiking boots got laced up, the jacket zipped, and a cap pulled down over the ears, and a once-daily ritual was reborn. I decided on a two-block warm-up and set my sights on an actual mile walk! Only a few years ago the norm was an easy three to five miles through the park system.

That daily routine had a purpose and beneficial results for me and my two companions. Fresh air, gazing at a new nest in the cottonwood, stretching my still “young-ish” legs, and learning patience while Wolf and Cali diligently inspected each tree trunk along our hiking path. We’d often greet other families on their early morning walks. Regulars like us, or some new jogger with one golden retriever who both enjoyed a short break to say hello. Usually home within an hour; three miles or less is the norm. I guess that’s why the park was reaching out last week. There is a calming comfort in pleasurable remembrance.

Both my friends have moved on to the inevitable. Wolf was 11 years old, and Cali was nearly 15. I planted a tree for each of them. Ashes mixed with potting soil, they are still with me in our yard. This Arbor Day, their fruit trees will be festooned with pear and cherry blossoms, early and columbine tossing colorful bouquets at their feet. By the end of April, most of the fall-planted tulips will also be dancing on slender stems.

Yes, it is the cycle of life. One garden, one shrub, one tree. They all make an important difference. Especially today, we should consider what minimal changes we can make in our own space. Plant a bed or a large portion of your year in “Natives.” Think about which of your selections are compatible with the site and each other. Less lawn and more bird habitat, perhaps. A section for birds and their opportunistic neighbors, the inevitable squirrels, to geed and recharge with fresh water and seeds. For some, a single hummingbird feeder suction-cupped to a kitchen window will suffice.

But for me, it’s more a lifestyle of life cycles that invigorates me. Our Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Forest Service, and the multitude both organizations inspire offered a 10-year goal to encourage Nebraskans to plant one million trees. I remember attending the inaugural meeting in Lincoln and wore out the subsequent tee shirt years ago. So forgive my phrasing, but the idea was “one town, one shovel, one tree at a time.”

RMR Environmental Concerns Chairman Report, cont.

Trees are my personal favorites for all they do for the planet. You know about shade and habitat, soil stabilization, and water filtration. All vitally important. Let's not overlook the manufacturing dynamics. They are producing oxygen, sequestering carbon, and assisting our home to combat global warming.

Rod Ruzanic**Environmental Concerns: Energy, Land, Water Chair**

“I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE EARTH AND ALL THE LIFE WHICH IT SUPPORTS. ONE PLANET IN OUR CARE, IRREPLACEABLE, WITH SUSTANCE AND RESPECT FOR ALL.”

Janina Lamb 1992

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**RMR Membership Chairman Report**

Spring is around the corner. Time to invite potential members to garden club events. Look at gardenclub.org for ideas for meetings and building your clubs.

Shirley Pursel
Membership Chairman

Rocky Mountain Rambler**February 2024****NGC, Inc. Gardening School Chairman Report**

A Gardening School consists of a series of four courses, generally scheduled over two days of instruction, followed by an exam for those interested in becoming a NGC accredited Gardening Consultant. Courses cover all aspects of horticulture: gardening, understanding soil structure, pruning techniques, identifying plants, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, fruits, vegetables, lawns, pests, plant diseases, plant classification and selected subjects of local interest. Additional topics may include reconciliation ecology and creating backyard habitats to help endangered species such as pollinators and amphibians as well as working with youth.

Course 1 – Botany, Soils, Techniques for Growing Outdoor Flowers, Plant Propagation

Course 2 – Plant Diseases and Garden Pests, Irrigation and Water, Lawn Alternatives and Growing Grass, Growing Fruits and Vegetables

Course 3 – Factors that influence Plant Growth, New Plant Development and Evaluation, Container Gardening – Outdoor, Houseplant Basics, Native trees and Shrubs, Teaching Tour of a Botanical Garden

Course 4 – Plant Classification and Nomenclature, Outdoor Identification of Plants Specialized Garden Styles, Techniques of Growing Woody Ornaments, Pruning Techniques.

Alice Hemsath**NGC, Inc. Gardening School**

RMR Invasive Plant Species Chairman Report

Don't Let Weeds Get Out of Control!

Summer weed control in gardens and landscapes can become very challenging. Some weed species grow very quickly in the summer heat, creating a size that is more difficult to control. Other species are notorious for spreading thousands of seeds that will help produce a potentially large weed crop for the next growing season. Others have extensive, well adapted root systems that make them difficult to control.

Where does a gardener or homeowner begin to control these pests in the heat of the summer? There are several steps that can help controlling these pests a little easier now. Thinking ahead to the next growing season now with smart strategies will help reduce weed problems when they are smaller and easier to control next spring.

Proper Weed Identification – Proper weed control strategies begin with the correct identification. It is essential to understand the plant structure, life cycle, preferred growing environment, and form of reproduction. This foundational information helps gardeners decide on control strategies. Incorrect identification can lead to measures with poor to zero control.

Strong and Dense Plantings- Weeds are opportunistic in the sense that they will populate where a stand of turfgrass, ornamental plantings, or vegetable stands are thin or bare. One of the best defense strategies is for a thick stand of turfgrass that will not allow weeds to take hold. Properly placed ornamental plants in beds will provide leaf canopy cover that will naturally shade out weeds as they try to grow. Block planting and mulching vegetables in the garden will help control weeds from germinating and provide leaf canopy where the leaf tips just cross each other to deprive weeds the required light to grow and spread.

Correct Mulching- Applying natural shredded wood mulch no deeper than two inches in ornamental beds and vegetable gardens provides the benefit of regulating soil moisture and soil temperature as well as weed suppression. Mulching under the canopy of trees and shrubs should not be placed up against the trunk, and no deeper than three inches. This recommendation reduces potential mechanical damage from mowers and weed eaters, while regulating soil temperature and moisture levels along with weed suppression.

RMR Invasive Plant Species Chairman Report, cont.

Mechanical Control -This is one of the least favorite, but also one of the most effective strategies when utilized in the right scenario. Mechanical control can include digging, mowing, cutting, and removing roots and blooms. Sometimes weeds have grown too large to control with the above strategies, requiring some type of removal. Some weeds can become woody in nature or are prolific bloomers and seed spreaders that cannot be controlled effectively even with herbicides. Mechanical control helps reduce a weed's ability to grow, spread, and reproduce.

Herbicide Control – Before defaulting straight to herbicide use, try one of the above recommendations. All of them are Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies in a greater weed control “toolbox” that Extension Educators reference. Herbicides are one of those tools in the IPM toolbox too. It is important to try other strategies earlier in the growing season before weeds get out of control in the summer. By this time in summer, some weeds have grown beyond effective herbicide control, forcing mechanical control to be applied. The key with herbicide use is to have the proper weed identification, the proper herbicide that is labeled to control the weed in question, and completely following the label directions.

If you have any questions about summer weed control in gardens and landscapes, contact David Lott by calling the Lincoln-Logan-McPherson County Extension Office in North Platte at (308) 532-2683.

David Lott

Invasive Plant Species Chairman



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RMR Parliamentarian Chairman Report

Sometimes I hear people say, I want to do something but I don't know what or how to say it. The chart below should help all of us to know what to say and what happens regarding some of the common motions.

Action (Purpose)	Say	Interrupt speaker	Second	Debate	Amendable	Vote
Introduce motion (new action)	"I move to..."	No	Yes, unless from a committee	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion (Change or clarify motion)	"I move to amend the motion by.... (add or strike words)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone motion (states to when)	"I move to postpone the matter until..."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Move item to committee (research and clarify)	"I move that we refer the matter to committee."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Table a motion (will remain tabled unless voted off the table)	"I move to table."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
End debate (usually to end repeat debate)	"I move the previous question."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Request information(clarify)	"Point of information."	Yes	No	No	No	No vote
Object to procedure/Enforce rules (Ex. Forgot to vote or adjourn.)	"Point of order."	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decision/No vote

We often think we have to say a lot, when actually, a few words will do it! Too much information may restrict the committee or person the action to which the motion is assigned. It is important to get the right wording in a motion before you speak but it can be fixed with amendments so if you have a good idea, don't be afraid to say it.

Respectfully Submitted by **Mary Lerssen, RMR Parliamentarian**

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NGC Bricks

Have you seen “**NGC Pathway of Success,**” the new link on the top drop-down menu on the NGC website? If you haven’t been to headquarters in St. Louis, MI, you may not be aware that the property borders the beautiful Missouri Botanical Garden. There is no fence dividing the two properties, so visitors often wander onto NGC’s gardens and property.

NGC has recently begun renting their property out for functions – their first event was a wedding.

The “Path of Success” undertaking serves several purposes -- to utilize NGC’s physical assets more fully, to create a new revenue stream, and, most importantly, to educate the public about NGC garden clubs

The project includes creating a 1/4-mile walking path on NGC’s grounds, enabling the Missouri Botanical Gardens visitors and other members of the public to view NGC’s beautiful gardens and trees, and adding signage to educate visitors about the rich history and purpose of National Garden Clubs, Inc. You can purchase a paver for the new pathway as an individual or as a club, inscribed with you or your club’s name, etc. For more information visit:
<https://gardenclub.org/ngc-path-success>

I am not encouraging or discouraging you to do so, just giving you the information so your state or club can make an informed decision.



What is our club up to?

This year **Sunset Hills Garden Club** in Omaha, Nebraska went to **St. Cecilia's Flower Show** as a group. This is an annual event held in St. Cecilia's Cathedral on the last full weekend in January. Florists show off their skills to the public by creating huge displays of flowers. This year the arrangements incorporated quilts and fabrics. This is always a wonderful show and it's nice to see all the fresh flowers in the middle of the winter.



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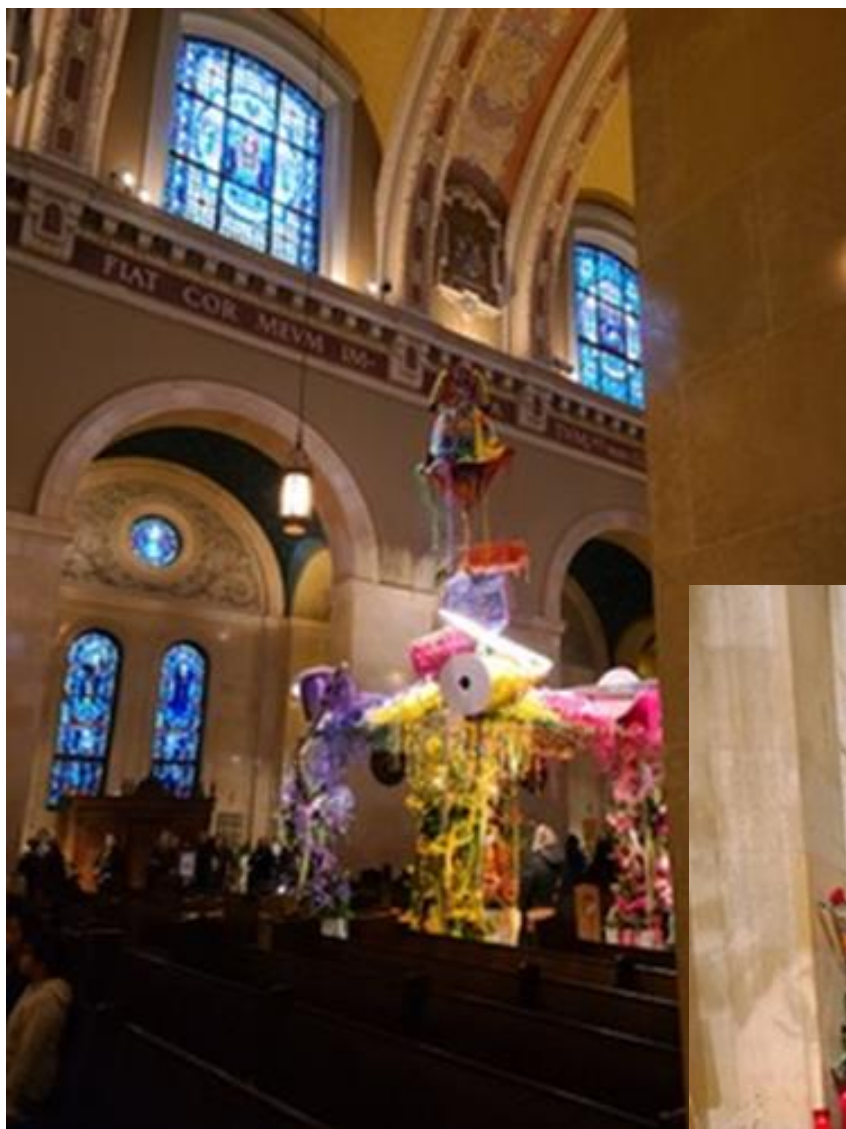
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Editor's Note

Hello from Omaha. I hope everyone is surviving the weird winter. This week, in Omaha, we are supposed to have 2 days close to 80 degrees (in February) with a day in between 34 degrees and possible snow? In January we had several days in a row that never got above freezing and some never above zero. The chickens' water would freeze even with heaters under the tubs. I had to carry 5-gallon buckets of water out to them at least 2 or 3 times a day, but I'm happy to say all 30 chickens and ducks have survived the winter so far! My arms so-so.

I'm still hoping to include photos and information from your clubs in the "Our Club is up to..." section of the Rambler along with your State and Local meetings and activities throughout the year, so keep them coming! Make sure to explain photos while I'm learning names, faces, and places. Send everything to the Rambler email: rmrrambler@yahoo.com

The next deadline to submit reports to the Rambler is **April 15th**. I will need reports in on time so registration forms and other important information can go out on time! Watch for at least one **Special Edition Rambler** with information on **Awards** coming in March. Keep dreaming over the seed catalogs and planning for spring.

Happy planting, *Julie*

Website: Rocky Mtn Region Garden Clubs

<https://sites.google.com/site/rockymtngardenclubs/>

Questions or concerns about our website?

Please contact us at rockymtnregiongardenclubs@gmail.com

Facebook: Rocky Mountain Region Garden Clubs

<https://tr-tr.facebook.com/people/Rocky-Mountain->



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NGC Conservation Pledge

I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forests, land and wildlife.

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Our beautiful Rocky Mountain Region includes the following states:
Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming
 The Rocky Mountain Region Garden Clubs is an affiliate of
National Garden Clubs, Inc.